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Dear Mr. Fiore:

Attached please find Minnesota's request for waivers necessary to implement a Family Planning program. This waiver request is submitted in the Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) §1115 Demonstration Proposal template. It is our understanding that use of this template should result in an expedited review process within CMS.

This proposal will amend Phase 2 of the MinnesotaCare Health Care Reform Waiver, "Minnesota Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus (PMAP+)," No. 11-W-00039/5. The amendment will allow implementation of Phase 3 of the MinnesotaCare Health Care Reform Waiver, as provided for with the August 2000 approval of Phase 2 under §1115 of the Social Security Act. Phase 3 will provide expanded health coverage for Minnesota citizens with incomes at or below 275 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. As described in the application, Minnesota proposes to provide expanded eligibility for family planning services to enrollees with incomes at or below 275 percent of FPG, as well as comprehensive health care benefits, with some cost-sharing, for adults without children with incomes to 175 percent of FPG. The State will fund these expansions with Minnesota's SCHIP allotment, as well as with savings related to implementation of the family planning expansion.

As always, we look forward to working with you and your staff toward implementation of this important amendment. If you require additional information, please contact Kathleen Vanderwall, of my staff, at 651-282-3720.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Kennedy, Medicaid Director

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